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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 4, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 4, 2008, and extended by a three month extension to September 4, 2008 by the petition and fee filed herewith, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.